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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 342 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 342 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/565,484	CHEUNG, NAI-KONG V.
	Examiner	Art Unit

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Applicant's communication submitted September 9, 2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-17, 19-25, and 27-29.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Eric S Olson/
Examiner, Art Unit 1623

/Shaojia Anna Jiang/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1623

Detailed Action

This office action is a response to applicant's communication submitted September 9, 2009 wherein claims 17 and 25 are amended. This application is a national stage application of PCT/US04/23099, filed July 16, 2004, which is a continuation in part of US application 10/621027, now US patent 7507724, filed July 16, 2003, which is a continuation in part of PCT/US02/01276, filed January 15, 2002, which claims benefit of provisional application 60/261911, filed January 16, 2001.

Claims 14-17, 19-25, and 27-29 are pending in this application.

Claims 14-17, 19-25, and 27-29 as amended are examined on the merits herein.

Priority

Currently, the application claims priority to US application 10/621027, PCT international applications PCT/US04/23099 and PCT/US02/01276, and provisional application 60/261911. However, the applications PCT/US02/01276, 10/621027, and 60/261911 fail to provide written description under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for instant claims 14-17, 19-25, and 27-29 because the applications do not disclose beta-glucans having side chains of two or more saccharides linked by a (1,3) linkage. Rather, these parent applications disclose barley glucans having a straight chain containing a mixture of (1,3) and (1,4) linkages, as well as fungal glucans of indeterminate composition. Therefore the effective filing date of claims 14-17, 19-25, and 27-29, all of the currently pending claims, is seen to be the filing date of PCT/US04/23099, filed July 16, 2004.

Reasons for Allowance

Applicant's amendment, submitted September 9, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claims 17 and 25 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for lacking written description in the specification as originally filed, has been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the claims have been amended to no longer recite beta (1,3)(1,6) glucans that induce cytokines. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments, submitted September 9, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claims 14-16, 19-24, and 27-29 under 35 USC 102(e) for being anticipated by Ross et al., have been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the reference Ross et al. is not seen to disclose soluble beta glucans that have the recited side chains of two or more saccharide units. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

Currently claims 14-17, 19-25, and 27-29 are pending in this application and have been examined on the merits herein. Applicant's amendment submitted September 9, 2009, is seen to be persuasive to remove all rejections of record in the previous office action and place the application in condition for allowance. Reasons for allowance are as follows:

The claimed compositions are seen to be adequately described and enabled by the specification as originally filed. For example p. 4, lines 1-10 of the specification disclose a soluble yeast (1,3) beta glucan having (1,3) side chains of more than one sugar unit, attached by (1,6) linkages, just as described in the claims, and additionally discloses that these glucans possess synergistic antitumor activity with monoclonal antibodies. P. 13 lines 8-15 describe specific tumors that can be treated in this manner. P. 12 line 24 - p. 13 line 6 describe specific antigen targets for the antibodies used with the glucan. Pp. 15-30 disclose studies of the antitumor effects of beta glucans combined with monoclonal antibodies that would enable one skilled in the art to use existing antibodies and beta glucans in the claimed methods. Therefore the claims meet the requirements of 35 USC 112.

Furthermore the claimed invention is novel and non-obvious over the prior art. The prior art does not disclose combinations of beta glucans and anti-tumor antibodies wherein the beta glucan is a soluble (1,3) beta glucan having beta (1,3) side chains of two or more saccharide units linked to the main chain by (1,6) linkages. Although Ross et al. (US2006/0009419, of record in previous action) discloses that such glucans are present in Baker's yeast, and discloses whole glucan particles and microparticulate glucan that might contain such molecules, these glucans are necessarily insoluble. The only soluble glucans disclosed by Ross et al. are so-called "neutral soluble glucans" treated with acid and alkaline treatments as described in US patent 5322841. (Cited in PTO-892) These glucans are disclosed by US 5322841 to be PGG glucan, or (poly(1,6)-beta-D-glucopyranosyl-(1,3)-beta-D-glucopyranose, which is a glucan

containing only single glucose residues as side chains. (column 2 lines 1-10 of 5322841) Thus any soluble glucans described by Ross et al. will not be glucans having side chains of two or more sugar residues according to the instant claims. Although it would theoretically be possible for one of ordinary skill in the art to solubilize yeast beta glucans by other methods such as the sorbitol-solubilizing method described in US patent 5519009 (Cited in PTO-892) which could produce soluble glucans retaining intact side chains, Ross et al. does not provide any motivation to do so, because there would be no expectation that such glucans would synergize with anti-tumor antibodies. P. 2 paragraphs 0011-0012 of Ross et al. disclose the antibody-enhancing activity of NSG and the cytotoxic T-cell response induced by insoluble whole glucan particles as two different effects. P. 5 paragraph 0053 further describes these two effects as separate effects acting on separate cell populations and deriving from the different structures of the two glucans. Because the antibody-enhancing effect of NSG arises from its particular structure, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to use a different soluble glucan having a different structure that is closer to that found in whole glucan particles, as these particles do not enhance antibody therapy. Rather, one of ordinary skill in the art would have expected, at best, that a glucan having longer side chains might produce a cytotoxic T-cell response that was not dependent on antibodies, and would have used that glucan as a monotherapy instead of co-administering it with antibodies. Therefore the rejection meets the requirements of 35 USC 102 and 103.

Accordingly, Applicant's amendment submitted September 9, 2009, is sufficient to remove all rejections made in the prior office action as discussed above and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric S. Olson whose telephone number is 571-272-9051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on (571)272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1623
9/18/2009

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